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| Recovery Housing Network | |  | | --- | | April 16, 2013 | | 10am | | 112 E. Post Road, EAP Conference Room | |

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| Meeting called by: | Karl Bertrand, Dahlia Austin | Type of meeting: | Information session |
| Facilitator: |  | Note taker: | Allison McSpedon |
| Timekeeper: |  |  |  |

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| Attendees: | Dahlia Austin, Karl Bertrand, Donna Besteiro, Paul Stolz, Lori Stanlick, Amy Flemming, Charles Hinds, Jesse Johnson, Paul Anderson-Winchell, Norvell Brandon, Stephaniee Bennett, Charlie Bevier, Allison McSpedon, Jeanne Blum, Ron Hood, Ivette Montalvo, Kent Belgrave, Suzanne Tisne, David Booker |
| Please read: | Agenda |
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## Minutes

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| Agenda item: | Announcement – Westhab, 5 Studio Units Available | Presenter: | Jesse Johnson |

#### Discussion:

Westhab has 5 studio units available in a brand new building on Tarrytown Road in White Plains. Potential occupants must have been homeless the night before they move in. Not subject to lottery. Accepting referrals for Substance Abusers as well as individuals with Mental Health conditions. There is some flexibility on level of recovery. No direct services are provided with the housing. Some income is allowed.

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| Agenda item: | Housing First | Presenter: | Karl Bertrand |

#### Discussion:

Westchester will be creating Housing First opportunities within the existing available housing units with all providers of housing available to the homeless. Programs will decide which units to dedicate. Dahlia Austin will keep the master list of dedicated units.

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| Action items | | |  | |
| * Housing First will be required to take those in early stages of recovery as well as those who are in relapse or not yet committed. * List of individuals housed will be provided to DSS to avoid sanctions. | | |  | |
| * Housing units will be identified as “treatment program” locations so that case managers can readily differential their status and not recommend sanctions | | |  | |
| * Oversight will include some report on conditions * Westcares is an example of an existing program that could easily be part of the Housing First initiative | | |  | |
| Agenda item: | Dedicated Case Manager | Presenter: | | Dahlia Austin |

#### Discussion:

Dahlia has been successful in securing approval for a Part Time Case Manager dedicated to to management of Recovery Housing placements. Release of needed documentation from the 9th Floor is pending.

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| Action items |  |
| * Identifying metrics for successful placements |  |

## Other Information

#### Special notes: The next meeting of this team will be on May 21st at 10am in the EAP room